

Sherwin-Williams to Standardize its Retail Stores on SUSE Linux Enterprise from Novell

WALTHAM, Mass. – Dec. 1, 2008 – Novell today announced that the nation's largest specialty retailer of paint, stains, coatings, wall coverings and sundry items will be standardizing on SUSE® Linux Enterprise Point of Service (POS) as the operating platform for its retail store multi-function desktop/registers and in-store servers. As a global retailer of some of the most popular paint brands, Sherwin-Williams has more than 3,500 retail stores in 50 states, Canada and Latin America. SUSE Linux Enterprise POS will provide the paint retailer with a secure, cost-effective and reliable operating platform.

"We wanted a supported Linux platform to replace our current POS operating system and evaluated several distributions before selecting SUSE Linux Enterprise," said Tim Bartel, manager of POS Applications Development at Sherwin-Williams. "We chose Novell because of its flexible pricing model, support capabilities and code compatibility across our relevant applications, desktops and servers."

Working with Novell channel partner Mainline Information Systems, Sherwin-Williams will be moving from their current POS operating system to SUSE Linux Enterprise POS, giving them access to enterprise-class support including the latest software and maintenance updates, security patches and product assurances.

"As a platinum partner in the Novell PartNet® program, Mainline provides infrastructure technology solutions, as well as implementation and consulting services for companies nationwide. We believe SUSE Linux Enterprise POS is one of the best-engineered and reliable platforms optimized for the retail environment," said Greg Schneider, Regional Vice President at Mainline Information Systems. "SUSE Linux Enterprise POS delivers a robust operating system for point of sale devices and in-store servers that can help reduce total cost of ownership through centralized administration and deployment tools, small footprint images and support for heterogeneous IT environments."

Roger Levy, senior vice president and general manager of Open Platform Solutions at Novell, said, "Moving to a supported Linux distribution will give Sherwin-Williams the confidence that their operating platform is certified to run on the latest hardware and enterprise software, and has undergone rigorous quality assurance testing. By choosing the flexible and reliable SUSE Linux Enterprise POS, the company can harness the power of a Linux operating system that runs on all popular platforms, from mainframe to point of sale terminals."

SUSE Linux Enterprise POS is based on the next-generation platform for the open enterprise, SUSE Linux Enterprise, the best-engineered and most interoperable platform for mission-critical computing, from the desktop to the data center. For more information on SUSE Linux Enterprise POS from Novell, visit www.novell.com/products/linuxpointofservice.

About The Sherwin-Williams Company

Founded in 1866, the Sherwin-Williams Company is a global leader in the manufacture, development, distribution, and sale of coatings and related products to professional, industrial, commercial, and retail customers. The Company manufactures products under well-known brands such as Sherwin-Williams®, Dutch Boy®, Krylon®, Minwax®, Thompson's® Water Seal®, and many more. With global headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio,

Sherwin-Williams® branded products are sold exclusively through a chain of more than 3,500 company-operated stores and facilities, while the company's other brands are sold through leading mass merchandisers, home centers, independent paint dealers, hardware stores, automotive retailers, and industrial distributors throughout North America. The Sherwin-Williams

Global Group distributes a wide range of products in more than 30 countries around the world. For more information, visit <http://www.sherwin.com>.

About Novell

Novell, Inc. (Nasdaq: NOVL) delivers the best engineered, most interoperable Linux* platform and a portfolio of integrated IT management software that helps customers around the world reduce cost, complexity and risk. With our infrastructure software and ecosystem of partnerships, Novell harmoniously integrates mixed IT environments, allowing people and technology to work as one. For more information, visit www.novell.com.

About Mainline Information Systems

Founded in 1989, Mainline began by offering information technology solutions and consulting in the IBM midrange markets. Since then, it has become an IBM Premier Business Partner and global provider of information technology and business solutions with more than 600 employees nationwide. Headquartered at 1700 Summit Lake Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317, Mainline provides solutions throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Brazil and Mexico. The company may be reached by phone at 850.219.5000 and on the Internet at www.mainline.com.

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